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State Departments Receive \$10 million in Grants for Water Conservation

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Sacramento, CA – Taking a critical next step toward conserving water during the current drought state of emergency, the California Department of General Services (DGS), in collaboration with the Government Operations Agency, awarded \$10 million in grants to executive branch departments for water savings projects at their facilities.

The 153 projects – which include everything from plumbing fixture replacement and updating irrigation technology to laundry water reclamation projects – will save California an estimated 278 million gallons a year.

“As the state continues to cope with this unprecedented drought, it is critical that state government lead by example and find every possible way to save water at our own facilities,” said Daniel C. Kim, Director of DGS. “These grants are essential to ensure that each and every state facility is water smart.”

State run facilities – everything from office buildings, to parks, hospitals and prisons – use roughly 15 billion gallons of water annually or approximately 5 percent of the capacity of Folsom Lake.

The grants were awarded to 19 state departments and 10 district agricultural associations. The funds were provided as part of Governor Jerry Brown’s 2015-16 budget.

The grants will fund dozens of site specific projects up and down the state and encompass thousands of individual site upgrades including:

Fixture replacement

- 7,820 toilets
- 13,376 aerators
- 2,914 showerheads
- 758 urinals
- 329 faucets

Irrigation upgrades

- Irrigation controllers
- Drip irrigation
- New piping
- Low-flow sprinklers
- Replacement of old valves, leaky water lines

Innovative technologies

- Cooling tower water treatment and/or reuse
- Laundry water reclamation equipment
- Swamp cooler replacement

California has been dealing with the effects of an unprecedented drought. To learn about all the actions the state has taken to manage our water system and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit Drought.CA.Gov. Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com.

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